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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
ABSTRACT.

Prohibition - Consumption of liquor - Exemption of troops.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.2211 Dated 14-9-1948

Read the following:-

Letter to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi, No.38677 D/48-1 dated 9-7-48.
From Government of India, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi, Regr.No.8526-a/D-7 dated 4-8-1948.

O R D E R:

The following notification shall be published in the Fort St. George Gasette.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powrs conferred by section 1 (3) of the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 1948, (Madras Act XII of 1948), His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby directs that section 3 of the said Act shall remain in force for a further period of one year commencing on the 1st day of October 1948

sd. . . . . .
Secretary to Government,
24-8-48

To the Superintendent of Government Press for Publication in Fort St. George Gazette.
To the Board of Revenue (Exc.)
To the Collectors of Prohition districts
To the Inspector General of Police.
To the Home Department

P.T.O.

To the Legal Department.
Copy to the Government of India Ministry of Defence
New Delhi.

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Revenue Department.

NOTE FOR THE CABINET.

Prohibition- Permits for the consumption of liquor- Issue to Europeans and Anglo-Indians in Govt. Service.

Section 20 of the Madras Prohibition Act provides for the issue of permits authorizing any person to possess liquor for personal Recently it was decided that permits should on no account be given to Indians including Parsees and Jews. In the case of Anglo-Indians and Europeans (both domiciled and non-domiciled) it was decided that the existing orders might stand. Under these orders Anglo-Indians above the age of 45 can be granted permits if they produce medical certificates issued by Government medical officers not below the rank of Assistant Surgeons showing why the consumption of liquor is necessary. Europeans are granted permits without the production of any medical certificate and without any restriction regarding age. A question has now arisen as to how Europeans and Anglo-Indians in Government service should be treated.

2. In a Press note dated 26-1-48, the Government had announced that they were definitely of the view that no officer who was in any way connected with Prohibition and who might previously have been in the habit of taking liquor should apply for a permit and that so far as other Government officials were concerned they were in the same position as non-officials who might have acquired the habit of taking liquor. The Government then ordered that the applications of all Government servants should be submitted to the Government for orders and permits are now being issued to Government servants, if they are otherwise eligible, only after obtaining the orders of the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Prohibition. If it is now decided that permits should not be issued to Europeans and Anglo-Indians in Government service, on the ground that they should fall in line with the policy of the Government they serve a further question will arise whether permits may continue to be issued to Europeans and eligible Anglo-Indians who are in the employment of the Central Government.

3. The points for decision are (i) whether permits should be refused to Europeans and Anglo-Indians in Government service and (ii) if so, whether any exception should be made in the case of those in Central Government service.

To All H.Ms. including
H.Pr.
P.S.G.
Chief Secretary.

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Revenue Department.

Memo No. 49894/D/48-2 D/1-10-1948.

Sub: Prohibition- Liquor- Grant of permits for personal consumption Revised instructions.

In modification of the previous orders on the subject the Government issue the following instructions for the grant of permits Europeans of the age of 21 and above, whether officials or non-officials, will be granted permits on application. As regards Anglo-Indians and Indians no permits shall as a general will be given but in the case of those who are not in Government service and who are above 55 years, the Government may consider exceptional cases. The Board of Revenue is requested to submit the applications of Indians and Anglo-Indians above 55 to the Government for orders and to reject the applications of those below 55.

To the Board of Revenue

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BOARD OF REVENUE (EXCISE) DEPARTMENT.

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Sub: Prohibition- Liquor- Issue of permits for personal consumption- Instructions- Reference.
Read: Government Memorandum No. 49894 D/48-2, Revenue, dated 1-10-1948.

No. Nil, dated 2.10-1948.

Station- Triplicane, Madras5.

From

Sri P. Rajagopalachari,
Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue (Excise).

V.N. Kudva Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.
Member, Board of Revenue and Commissioner of Land Revenue Excise and Prohibition.

Post copy of telephonic mes:

According to the Press Note No. 25, dated 26-1-1948, issued in G.O. Ms. No. 206, Revenue, dated 30-1-1948, the application of Government Officers for liquor permits have to be submitted to Government for sanction. In the Government Memorandum cited the Government have ordered that Europeans of the age of 21 and above whether officials or non_officials will be granted permits on application. Please state urgently whether European Government officials may be granted liquor permits by the Board on application without referring their case to Government. Please also state whether Anglo-Indians and Indians who are above 55 years and who are not in Government service should be asked to produce medical certificates from Government Medical Officers not below the rank of Assistant Surgeons showing their age and the particular ailment which necessitates them to take alcoholic drinks.

Sd.
Assistant Secretary.

To the Assistant Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HELD AT FORT ST. GEORGE ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 1948.

The Hon. Premier presided.

PRESENT.

1. The Hon. T.S.S. Rajan.
2. The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
3. The Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi.
4. The Hon. Sri H. Sitarama Reddi.
5. The Hon. Sri K. Chandramouli.
6. The Hon. Sri T.S. Avanashilingam.
7. The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.
8. The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty.
9. The Hon. Sri V. Kurmayya.
10. The Hon. Dr. S. Gurubatham.

The Hon. Sri Kala Venkata Rao came to the meeting only towards its end.

AGENDA.

Prohibition- Permits for the consumption of liquor- Issue to Europeans and Anglo-Indians in Government Service.

O R D E R:

It was decided that Europeans of the age of 21 and above whether officials or non-officials would be given permits on application. As regards Anglo-Indians and Indians no permits shall as a general rule be given but in the case of those who are not in Government Service and who are above 55 years old Government may consider exceptional cases. As regards officers in the Central Services, it was decided that there would be no exception apart from the Army.

O.P. Ramaswamy Reddy.
27-9-48.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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To A.S:

Please see the notes of Public (Militgry) and legal on p.4 ante.

The file relates to the proposal to extend for a further period after 30-9-1948 Sec. 17(A) of the Madras Prohibition Act which expowers the Provincial Government to exempt members of the armed forces and the members of the medical or other staff attached to them from all or any of the provisions of that Act. This department suggested that the exemption might be continued for 3 years from 1-10-1948 but Public (Milty.) considers that it may be granted for another year from 1-10-48 for the present. For orders whether this department will agree. If so, the draft order may be circulated to Hon'ble Ministee (F.D.) and Hon'ble Premier for approval.

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H.M.(F.D.)
10-9-48

O.P.R. H.Pr.
13-9-48

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